(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal in respect of integrated forestry project Phase-III;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in clearing the Integrated Forestry Project Phase-III; and

(c) whether any efforts have been made to get the project cleared by the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The Government of Gujarat had earlier sent a project proposal titled "Integrated Forestry Development Project", Phase III. Under the project, it is proposed to cover 230795 ha. area of land and distribute about 250 million seedlings to local people for planting on their land. The main objectives of the project are to restore the environmental balance, promote tree-planting, improve the fertility and the productivity of the forest areas, adoption of intensive soil conservation and water harvesting measures, use of alternate and non-conventional energy devices etc.

The project proposal was posed to the World Bank. The matter has been pursued with them and they have indicated that the State Government's project proposal has been included in the pipeline of projects that will be considered for provision of financial assistance.

Environmental Audit Reports

1071. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is compulsory for all industrial units in the country to submit environmental audit reports; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Every person carrying on an industry, operation or process requiring consent under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 or the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 or both or authorisation under the Hazardous (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 shall submit an environmental audit statement for the financial year ending the 31st March in the prescribed format to the concerned State Pollution Control Board on or before the 30th day of September every year, starting from 1993.

Reviewing Indian Forest Sector

1072. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank have prepared a paper titled 'Indian Forest Sector Review';

(b) if so, the details of the issues contained in the paper;

(c) the recommendations made thereon to tackle those issues; and

(d) the follow up action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The World Bank Forest Sector Review is intended to analyse the efforts made in the past, including through projects assisted by the World Bank, to develop the forest resources in India and to analyse the factors that can contribute to better management of the country's forest resources in the future. The Review brings out that for better management of the forests of the country, the main issues that require to be addressed include: (i) improving incentives for local participation and private efforts; (ii) improving the technological means to enhance productivity; (iii) increasing the effectiveness of the Forests Departments in the States; (iv) prioritising the areas that need to be protected and developed; and (v) identifying the issues requiring further analysis and resolution.

(d) The Review is intended to provide an overview of the key issues in forest management in India and also assist the World Bank in considering new forestry projects for provision of financial assistance. The Government organised two consultations in Bangalore and Delhi in the last week of April, 1993, for discussing the Review with the forest officials, non-official experts, voluntary agencies, etc.

Agreement between India and China on Technology Exchange

1073. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China are likely to enter into an agreement on the exchange of modern technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these technologies are competitive enough to meet the requirements of international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAIMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c) There is no specific proposal between India and China to enter into an official agreement on the exchange of modern technologies. However, there is an Agreement of Cooperation of Science and Technology between the Government of India and China, signed in December, 1988, under which there is already an established framework for cooperation in science and technology and transfer of scientific and technological achievements between the two countries.

Passport Issued to Dawood Ibrahim

1074. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the date on which the passport was issued to Dawood Ibrahim; and

(b) what are the dates on which it was renewed and the date on which any action was taken for its cancellation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) A passport was obtained by Dawood Ibrahim on 26-7-85, renewed on 2-9-89 and declared impounded on 2-1-92.

Nexus between China and Pakistan

1075 SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appeared in Indian Express (ND) dated the 20th June, 1993 under the caption pact with China helped Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the growing nexus between the two countries on matters of defence; and

(c) the action Government have taken to counter this threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAIMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Government have seen the news item which appeared in 'Indian Express' of 20th June, 1993.

(b) and (c) Government are aware of the extensive defence co-operation between China and Pakistan including supply of Chinese aircrafts, missiles and other weapons and transfer of sophisticated arms technology. Pakistan's continuous efforts to acquire sophisticated arms and equipment beyond its legitimate defence needs, remains a cause of concern. Our views in this regard have been conveyed to the Chinese Government.

Government have and will continue to monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take adequate measures to safeguard it.

Sino-Indian Boundary Dispute

1076. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sino-India joint working group on the boundary question met in New Delhi in the last week of June;

(b) if so, what were the issues discussed and the decisions arrived at;

(c) whether the measures already agreed to have proved beneficial for building mutual confidence and understanding between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAIMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The sixth meeting of the India-China Joint Working Group on the boundary question and Foreign Secretary—Vice Foreign Minister level consultations were held in New Delhi on June 25—28, 1993.

(b) The two sides continued their discussions aimed at arriving at a mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question. They made progress in their discussions on further measures that could be taken by the two countries to enhance mutual confidence and ensure